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THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND FINANCE'S CEASE AND DESIST ORDER TO GROUP AMERICUS BUSINESS & ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES, INC. ATLANTA, GA BECOMES FINAL

Atlanta, Georgia — On May 14, 2007, a Cease and Desist Order issued by the Georgia Department of Banking and Finance ("Department") to Group AmericUS Business & Entertainment Services, Inc., Atlanta, GA, became final.

This Cease and Desist Order was issued by the Department after it obtained evidence that Group AmericUS Business & Entertainment Services, Inc., engaged in mortgage brokerage/lending activities without a license or under an applicable exemption.

Pursuant to Georgia law, it is prohibited for any person knowingly to purchase, sell, or transfer a mortgage loan or loan application from or to an entity that is not licensed or exempt from licensing or registration provisions to engage in mortgage broker/lender activities.

A copy of the Cease and Desist Order can be accessed from our website through the following link: http://dbf.georgia.gov/vgn/images/portal/cit 1210/27/4/82464243GroupAmericUSC&D.pdf

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The Department has regulatory and/or licensing authority over state-chartered banks, credit unions, trust companies, mortgage brokers, mortgage lenders, mortgage processors, check cashers, sale of check companies, money transmitters, international banking organizations and bank holding companies conducting business in the state of Georgia. The Department currently supervises approximately 288 banks and 67 credit unions with assets over \$250 billion. The Department also licenses over 3,200 mortgage lenders, brokers and processors and over 800 check cashers, sale of check companies and money transmitters.

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